

EC-3455. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boscalid; 3-pyridinecarboxamide, 2-chloro-N-(4'-chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl); Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7319-6) received on July 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3456. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Payment of Indemnity" (Doc. no. 02-248-2) received on July 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3457. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oriental Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area" (Doc. no. 02-130-2) received on July 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3458. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sapote Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area in Texas" (Doc. no. 03-032-2) received on July 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3459. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Japanese Beetle; Domestic Quarantine and Regulations" (Doc. no. 03-057-1) received on July 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3460. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; New Mexico" (Doc. no. 03-044-1) received on July 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3461. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Memorandum of Understanding—Switzerland" (DFARS Case 2001-D019) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3462. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax Exemptions (Italy)" (DFARS Case 2000-D027) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3463. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Caribbean Basin Country End Products" (DFARS Case 2000-D302) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3464. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Employment Emphasis" (DFARS Case 97-D314) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3465. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on operations of the National Defense Stockpile; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3466. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, transmitting, the National Guard Challenge Program Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3467. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3468. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3469. A communication from the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Administration's 2002 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3470. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Ocean Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Ocean Program Supplemental Notice of Funds Availability for the Monitoring and Event Response for Harmful Algal Blooms Program FY02" (RIN0648-ZB12) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3471. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Zone Off Alaska Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program" (RIN0648-AL92) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3472. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the Commercial Run-Around Gillnet Fishery for King Mackerel in the Exclusive Economic Zone in the Southern Florida West Coast Subzone" received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3473. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pelagic Fisheries; Prohibition on Fishing for Pelagic Management Unit Species; Nearshore Area Closures Around American Samoa by Vessels More than Fifty Feet in Length" (RIN0648-AL41) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3474. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework 1 to the Atlantic Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AP44) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3475. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final 2002 Specifications for the Atlantic Herring Fishery" (RIN0648-AP37) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3476. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Closure of the Commercial Hook-and-Line Fishery for King Mackerel in the Exclusive Economic Zone in the Southern Florida West Coast Subzone" received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3477. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Existing and Addition of New Filing and Service Fees" (FMC Doc. no. 02-05) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3478. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Commercial Shark Management Measures" (RIN0648-AP70) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3479. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a vacancy and a change in previously submitted reported information for the position of Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmospheres received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3480. A communication from the Chairman, Interagency Coordination Committee on Oil Pollution Research, United States Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Committee's report on Oil Spill Research; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 910. A bill to ensure the continuation of non-homeland security functions of Federal agencies transferred to the Department of Homeland Security (Rept. No. 108-115).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance and the Committee on the Judiciary jointly:

Report to accompany S. 1416, a bill to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (Rept. No. 108-116).

Report to accompany S. 1417, a bill to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (Rept. No. 108-117).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

TREATY DOC. 107-10, AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIAN FEDERATION CONCERNING POLAR BEAR POPULATION (EXEC. REPT. NO. 108-7)

Text of Committee Recommended Resolution of Ratification:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

SECTION 1. SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT  
SUBJECT TO A CONDITION.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population, done at Washington October 16, 2000 (T. Doc. 107-10, in this resolution referred to as the "Agreement"), subject to the condition in section 2.

## SEC. 2. CONDITION.

The advice and consent of the Senate to the ratification of the Agreement is subject to the condition that the Secretary of State shall promptly notify the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate in any instance that, pursuant to Article 3 of the Agreement, the Contracting Parties modify the area to which the Agreement applies. Any such notice shall include the text of the modification and information regarding the reasons for the modification.

TREATY DOC. 108-1, AGREEMENT AMENDING TREATY WITH CANADA CONCERNING PACIFIC COAST ALBACORE TUNA VESSELS AND PORT PRIVILEGES (EXEC. REPT. NO. 108-7)

Text of Committee Recommended Resolution of Ratification:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),* That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Agreement Amending the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges, done at Washington May 26, 1981, and effected by an exchange of diplomatic notes at Washington July 17, 2002, and August 13, 2002 (T. Doc. 108-1).

TREATY DOC. 108-2, AMENDMENTS TO THE 1987 TREATY ON FISHERIES WITH PACIFIC ISLAND STATES. (EXEC. REPT. NO. 108-7)

Text of Committee Recommended Resolution of Ratification:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

SECTION 1. SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT  
SUBJECT TO A DECLARATION.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Amendments to the 1987 Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the United States of America, which Annexes and Agreed Statements, done at Port Moresby, April 2, 1987, done at Koror, Palau, March 30, 1999, and at Kiritimat, Kiribati March 24, 2002 (T. Doc. 108-2), in this resolution referred to as the "Amendments", subject to the declaration in section 2.

## SEC. 2. DECLARATION.

The advice and consent of the Senate to the ratification of the Amendments is subject to the following declaration: The advice and consent provide under section 1 is without prejudice to any position the Senate may take with respect to providing advice and consent to ratification of the Convention for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, signed by the United States on September 9, 2000.

TREATY DOC. 106-45, CONVENTION FOR INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE BY AIR (EXEC. REPT. NO. 108-8)

Treaty of Committee Recommended Resolution of Ratification:

*Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),* That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air, signed at Warsaw on October 12, 1929, done at The Hague on September 28, 1955 (T. Doc. 107-14).

TREATY DOC. 107-14, PROTOCOL TO AMEND THE CONVENTION FOR UNIFICATION OF CERTAIN RULES RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE BY AIR (EXEC. REPT. NO. 108-8)

Text of Committee Recommended Resolution of Ratification:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

SECTION 1. SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT  
SUBJECT TO RESERVATION.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air, done at Montreal May 28, 1999 (T. Doc. 106-45, in this resolution referred to as the "Convention"), subject to the reservation in section 2.

## SEC. 2. RESERVATION.

The advice and consent of the Senate to the ratification of the Convention is subject to the following reservation, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification: Pursuant to Article 57 of the Convention, the United States of America declares that the Convention shall not apply to international carriage by air performed and operated directly by the United States of America for non-commercial purposes in respect to the functions and duties of the United States of America as a sovereign state.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND  
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1479. A bill to amend and extend the Irish Peace Process and Cultural Training Program Act of 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1480. A bill to amend the Buy American Act to increase the requirement for American-made content, to tighten the waiver provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1481. A bill to prohibit the application of the trade authorities procedures with respect to implementing bills that contain provisions regarding the entry of aliens; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1482. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the reduction in the deductible portion of expenses for business meals and entertainment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 1483. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1484. A bill to require a report on Federal Government use of commercial and other databases for national security, intelligence, and law enforcement purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, Mr. DODD, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1485. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to protect the rights of employees to receive overtime compensation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 1486. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to implement the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants to the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1487. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to award the Combat Medical Badge or another combat badge for Army helicopter medical evacuation ambulance (Medevac) pilots and crews; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1488. A bill to establish the Native American Entrepreneurs Program to provide \$3,000,000 in grants annually to qualified organizations to provide training and technical assistance to disadvantaged Native American entrepreneurs; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND  
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 204. A resolution designating the week of November 9 through November 15, 2003, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 138

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to temporarily increase the Federal medical assistance percentage for the Medicaid program.

S. 215

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to authorize funding assistance for the States for the discharge of homeland security activities by the National Guard.